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SENATE BILL 22-064

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH
102 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES DESIGNED FOR THE
103 DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, a neighborhood youth organization (NYO) serves youth as young as 6 years of age and as old as 18 years of age. The bill lowers the minimum age of a youth member to 5 years of age.

The bill permits an NYO to create an electronic or written process to record the daily arrival and departure times of youth members in order

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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to track attendance, assess the impact of programs and services on youth members, and ensure an NYO operates in the best interest and safety of youth members.

The bill requires that an NYO's programs and services must occur primarily in a facility the NYO leases or owns or has been granted use of or access to.

The bill requires an NYO to offer programs and services that are evidence- or research-based, age-appropriate, and foster supportive relationships with peers and adults while offering character and leadership development, academic supports, job skills training, behavioral health supports, health and nutrition services, and other critical resources and services that a community identifies as necessary. An NYO serves all children, youth, and families, but with a focus on programs and services that ensure affordable access for low-income populations.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-102, **amend**
3 (26)(a) and (41); and **add** (26.5) as follows:

4 **26-6-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 6, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (26) (a) "Neighborhood youth organization" means a nonprofit
7 organization that ~~is designed to serve youth as young as six years of age~~
8 ~~and as old as eighteen years of age and that operates primarily during~~
9 ~~times of the day when school is not in session and provides~~
10 ~~research-based, age-appropriate, and character-building activities~~
11 ~~designed exclusively for the development of youth from six to eighteen~~
12 ~~years of age. These activities shall occur primarily in a facility leased or~~
13 ~~owned by the neighborhood youth organization. The activities shall occur~~
14 ~~in an environment in which youth have written parental or legal guardian~~
15 ~~consent to become a youth member of the neighborhood youth~~
16 ~~organization and to arrive at and depart from the primary location of the~~
17 ~~activity on their own accord, without supervision by a parent, legal~~

1 ~~guardian, or organization.~~ PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AS
2 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-6-103.7, TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
3 THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS TO ENSURE POSITIVE
4 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DURING CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE,
5 AND IS DESIGNED TO SERVE YOUTH AS YOUNG AS FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHO
6 ARE ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN AND AS OLD AS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
7 AGE.

8 (26.5) "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION
9 THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE
10 FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", 26 U.S.C. SEC. 501, AS
11 AMENDED.

12 (41) "Youth member" means a youth who is ~~six~~ FIVE years of age
13 through eighteen years of age whose parent or legal guardian has
14 provided written consent for the youth to participate in the activities of a
15 neighborhood youth organization. ~~and who pays the required dues of the~~
16 ~~neighborhood youth organization.~~

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-103.7, **amend**
18 (3)(b), (3)(f), and (6); and **add** (2.5), (3)(e.5), (3)(h), and (3)(i) as follows:

19 **26-6-103.7. Application of part - neighborhood youth**
20 **organizations - rules - licensing - duties and responsibilities -**
21 **definitions.** (2.5) THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S
22 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES MUST OCCUR PRIMARILY IN A FACILITY THE
23 NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION LEASES OR OWNS OR HAS BEEN
24 GRANTED USE OF OR ACCESS TO.

25 (3) A neighborhood youth organization licensed pursuant to this
26 section and operating in the state of Colorado shall have the following
27 duties and responsibilities:

1 (b) Prior to admitting an interested youth member into the
2 neighborhood youth organization, to require the youth member's parent
3 or legal guardian to sign a statement authorizing the youth member to
4 ~~arrive and depart from the organization without supervision by a parent,~~
5 ~~legal guardian, or the organization~~ PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS AND
6 SERVICES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION;

7 (e.5) TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF YOUTH MEMBERS, A
8 NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION MAY CREATE AN ELECTRONIC OR
9 WRITTEN PROCESS TO RECORD THE DAILY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES
10 OF YOUTH MEMBERS IN ORDER TO:

11 (I) TRACK ATTENDANCE;

12 (II) ASSESS THE IMPACT OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON YOUTH
13 MEMBERS; AND

14 (III) ENSURE THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION
15 OPERATES IN THE BEST INTEREST AND SAFETY OF YOUTH MEMBERS;

16 (f) To require a youth member's parent or legal guardian to sign
17 a statement authorizing the neighborhood youth organization to provide
18 transportation prior to field trips or to and from the neighborhood youth
19 organization; ~~and~~

20 (h) TO OFFER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EVIDENCE- OR
21 RESEARCH-BASED, AGE-APPROPRIATE, AND FOSTER SUPPORTIVE
22 RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS AND ADULTS WHILE OFFERING CHARACTER
23 AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, ACADEMIC SUPPORTS, JOB SKILLS
24 TRAINING, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS, HEALTH AND NUTRITION
25 SERVICES, AND OTHER CRITICAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT A
26 COMMUNITY IDENTIFIES AS NECESSARY; AND

27 (i) TO SERVE ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES, BUT WITH A

1 FOCUS ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ENSURE AFFORDABLE ACCESS
2 FOR LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS.

3 (6) The governing board of each licensed neighborhood youth
4 organization shall adopt minimum standards for operating the licensed
5 neighborhood youth organization, including but not limited to ~~standards~~
6 ~~concerning staff, staff training, health and safety, and mechanisms for~~
7 ~~assessing and enforcing the licensed neighborhood youth organization's~~
8 ~~compliance with the standards adopted~~ STANDARDS REGARDING
9 OPERATIONS; HEALTH AND SAFETY; FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES; AND
10 PERSONNEL. THE PERSONNEL STANDARDS MUST ADDRESS EMPLOYEE AND
11 VOLUNTEER SCREENING PRACTICES, TRAINING PRACTICES, INSURANCE
12 COVERAGE, AND REGULAR ASSESSMENT PRACTICES FOR THE HEALTH AND
13 SAFETY OF YOUTH, FACILITIES, AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, WHICH
14 MAY INCLUDE MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AUDITS, AND FEES.

15 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.